

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-43 remain pending in the application.

**Claims 1-43 over Milliken and Chiu**

In the Office Action, claims 1-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,978,384 to Milliken ("Milliken") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,505,253 to Chiu et al. ("Chiu"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1-43 recite **adjusting a size of a range** of acceptable nonce values within a **single** acceptance window or a **single** replay mask, with the **size of the range is based on a determined largest nonce value yet seen.**

The Examiner admits that "Milliken fails to explicitly disclose adjusting the size of the window based on the largest nonce value yet seen" (Office Action at page 3), but cites Chiu.

Chiu teaches at col. 32, lines 40-61:

Receivers detect and report congestion when the number of outstanding missing packets between two ACK windows increases. For example:

If a receiver detects five (5) missing packets during the last interval and has ten (10) packets missing in the next interval, a congestion message is sent to its repair head. The congestion message contains the highest sequence number received. When the repair head receives the congestion message, it determines whether this is a new congestion report and if so, forwards it immediately up to its repair head. Each head will forward one congestion packet from its members for each ACK window. The head computes the ACK window from the sequence number specified in the congestion message with the formula: (emphasis added)

The repair head will send one congestion message up the tree for each ACK window. Once a congestion message has been forwarded up the tree, congestion reports for previous ACK windows will be ignored. The sender will also ignore any congestion messages for the same or earlier windows.

Chiu teaches determination of a highest sequence number received, with the highest sequence number received being used to **compute which ACK window is congested,** i.e., **contains missing packets,** NOT **adjusting a size of a range** of acceptable nonce values within a **single**

acceptance window or a single replay mask, as claimed. Chiu teaches a solution to packet congestion, with the highest sequence number received being used to determine the packet congestion, not adjusting a size of a range of acceptable nonce values within a single acceptance window or a single replay mask, where the size of the range is based on a determined largest nonce value yet seen, as recited by claims 1-43.

Milliken and Chiu, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest adjusting a size of a range of acceptable nonce values within a single acceptance window or a single replay mask, where the size of the range is based on a determined largest nonce value yet seen, as recited by claims 1-43.

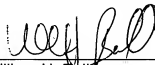
A benefit of adjusting a size of range of acceptable nonce values within a single acceptance window or a single replay mask based on a determined largest nonce value yet seen is, e.g., to reduce confusion between sessions. Adjusting the size of a range of a single acceptance window or a single replay mask, such as when starting a new session or when resetting a nonce value, permits new advantages. For instance, a previous session's large nonce value may play havoc on a new session starting with small nonce values. When switching sessions to restrict acceptance of a previous session's large nonce values the inventors have discovered that there are advantages to narrow an acceptance window or replay mask. Then once a session is underway, it is found that a single acceptance window or a single replay mask should be increased to prevent unnecessary rejection of data associated with nonce values. The cited prior art fails to disclose or suggest the claimed features.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 1-43 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

## Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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